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CENSUS DATA ON VILLAGE COOPERATIVES PREPARED BY GDR CENTRAL STATISTICAL OFFICE

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The figures given below apply to the business year 1949 only. Although the figures may be outdated, nevertheless, some interesting conclusions can be drawn from the data on the operations of cooperatives and their capacity for future development in the Laender of the GDR.

Table 1. Average Agricultural Land Within Cooperative Districts (i.e., the geographic areas within which given cooperatives operate)

Land	Total Agr Land (ha)	Reporting Coops No	Reporting Coops Percent of Total	Agr Land per Coop Dist (ha)
Brandenburg	788,480	614	66	1,202.7
Mecklenburg	1,217,851	643		1,894.0
Sachsen-Anhalt	1,240,590	824	96	1,505.6
Thueringen	755,208	858	99	880.2
Sachsen	1,055,451	488	75	2,355.9
GDR	5,007,580	3,387		1,478.4 (av)

The percentage figures above refer to the total number of existing village cooperatives. The number of cooperatives will decrease, because of the current amalgamation process in which several village cooperatives are being combined into one Farmers' Mutual Aid Association (Farmers' Trade Cooperative).

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Table 5. Average Number of Paid Employees of Village Cooperatives /presumably office workers/

Land	No of Persons
Brandenburg	2.0
Mecklenburg	1.8
Sachsen-Anhalt	3.4
Thueringen	1.0
Sachsen	4.1
GDR	2.3

Sachsen and Sachsen-Anhalt employ the highest average number of persons, a fact which is not surprising in view of Table 3 above.

Table 6. Average Number of Hectares of Cooperative Agricultural Land Per Employee

Land	Area per Employee (ha)
Brandenburg	351.6
Mecklenburg	518.0
Sachsen-Anhalt	330.3
Thueringen	575.7
Sachsen	402.0
GDR	409.4

In Thueringen and Mecklenburg, where there is an average of over 500 hectares per employee, attempts must be made to achieve a more favorable proportion.

Table 7. Sales by Cooperatives per Hectare of Cooperative Agricultural Land

Land	Av Sales per Coop (DM /Deutsche marks/)	Av Agr Land per Coop (ha)	Av Sales per Ha of Coop Agr Land (DM)
Brandenburg	186,885.60	703.3	256.70
Mecklenburg	523,546.90	932.5	561.40
Sachsen-Anhalt	178,858.40	1,123.1	159.20
Thueringen	78,256.90	575.7	135.90
Sachsen	246,141.50	1,648.2	149.30
GDR	209,318.70	941.7	222.20

Information in Table 7 must be regarded with caution, since only a very small percentage of village cooperatives reported on their sales. Therefore, the figures in Column 3 by no means represent Land averages.

For the above table the Central Statistical Office received only 38 reports from Mecklenburg, 62 from Thueringen, and 92 from Brandenburg.

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Table 8. Purchase of Goods and Purchases per Hectare of Cooperative Agricultural Land

Land	Av Total Amt of Purchase Transactions per Coop (DM)	Purchases per Ha of Coop Agr Land (DM)
Brandenburg	61,970.80	88.00
Mecklenburg	61,560.40	66.00
Sachsen-Anhalt	118,472.00	105.50
Thueringen	57,618.00	65.30
Sachsen	217,778.10	132.10
GDR	94,264.90	105.00

Table 9. Deposits

Land	Total Deposits (DM)	Deposits per Ha of Coop Agr Land (DM)	Deposits per Ha of Agr Land in the Coop Dist (DM)
Brandenburg	101,141,861	234	137.00
Mecklenburg	98,686,082	164	80.00
Sachsen-Anhalt	142,641,224	154	115.00
Thueringen	79,610,265	161	105.00
Sachsen	80,739,914	109	76.50
GDR	502,829,346	160 (av)	100.00 (av)

Land Brandenburg shows the highest per-hectare deposits in both examples cited above. Because of its proximity to the Berlin market, Brandenburg enjoys more favorable sales opportunities, which, in turn, make higher deposits possible.

Table 10. Loans per Hectare of Cooperative Agricultural Land as of 31 December 1949

Land	Loans Taken Up (DM)	Loans per Ha of Coop Agr Land (DM)
Brandenburg	103,003,414	238.50
Mecklenburg	95,508,473	160.90
Sachsen-Anhalt	148,648,849	174.90
Thueringen	42,821,140	86.70
Sachsen	17,777,150	24.10
GDR	404,759,026	131.20

Table 11. Loans per Hectare of Agricultural Land in Cooperative Districts

Land	Av Loans per Ha of Agr Land in the Coop Dist (DM)
Brandenburg	139.40
Mecklenburg	78.40

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Land	Av Loans per Ha of Agr Land in the Coop Dist (DM)
Sachsen-Anhalt	119.80
Thueringen	56.70
Sachsen	16.00
GDR	81.40

The figures in Tables 10 and 11 are no longer applicable. However, the basic tendency persists; to date, Sachsen-Anhalt, Mecklenburg, and Brandenburg continue to receive the largest loan amounts.

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